



Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grants


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Today's agenda

- DNR UF Program overview
- IRA Grant overview
- Eligibility
- Fiscal information
- Timeline
- Tips for submitting a proposal
- Application evaluation
- Q&A



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DNR Urban Forestry Program

- 11 staff across the state
- Support local govts and orgs in their urban and community forestry activities
 - Technical support
 - Grants
 - Training and education opportunities
 - Statewide Urban Forest Assessment program
 - Partnerships

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Federal Inflation Reduction Act – Urban and Community Forestry

- \$1.5 billion in federal funding
- \$1+ billion allocated already (2 in Wisconsin)
- \$250 million allocated for state forest agency subawards – competitive awards required
- \$4 million available in WI for sub-awards

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DNR Urban Forestry IRA Grants

- No match required
- Projects range from \$1,000 to \$500,000
- Projects last up to 3 years with no extensions
- The entire \$4 million to be awarded
- 100% of funds must benefit disadvantaged communities

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Eligibility

Potential Grant = Eligible **applicant** + Eligible **area** + Eligible **activities** + **Complete application**



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Eligible applicants

- County governments
- Municipal governments
- Town governments
- Tribal governments
- 501 (c)(3) non-profits




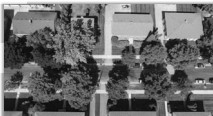
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Eligibility – Disadvantaged Communities

Justice40 Initiative
The plan to deliver 40 percent of the overall benefits of climate and clean energy investments to disadvantaged communities.

Forest Service IRA agreement with DNR
100 percent of the work and funding needs to benefit disadvantaged communities.

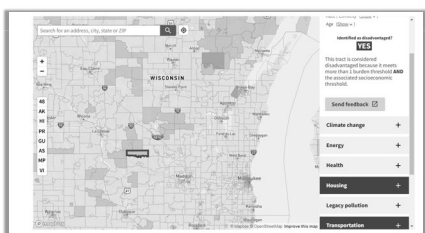
Defining disadvantaged communities
The Forest Service has required that federal equity mapping tool(s) be used to identify disadvantaged communities

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Disadvantaged Communities

Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool




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Disadvantaged Communities

EPA EJScreen



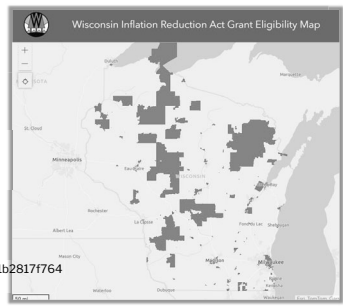
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Eligibility Map

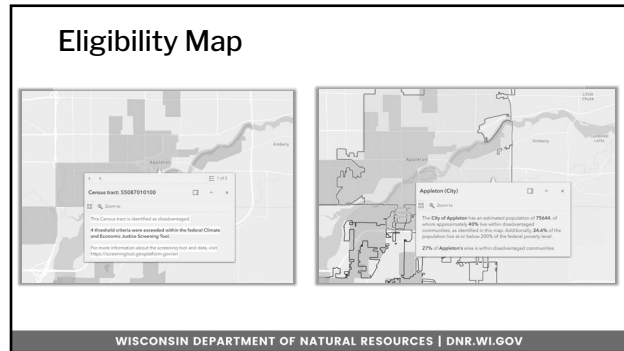
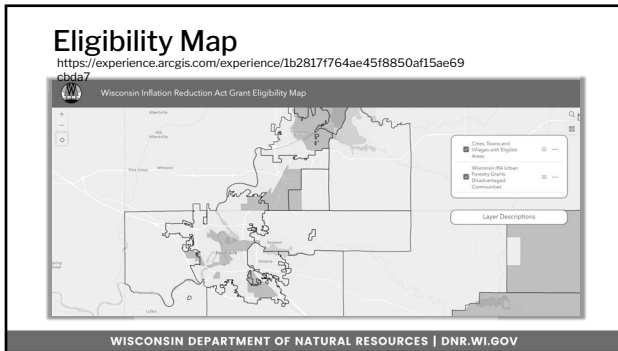
Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool + EJ Screen =

90th + percentile compared against the state in any of the Environmental Justice or Supplemental indexes

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1b2817f764ae45f8850af15ae69cbda7>



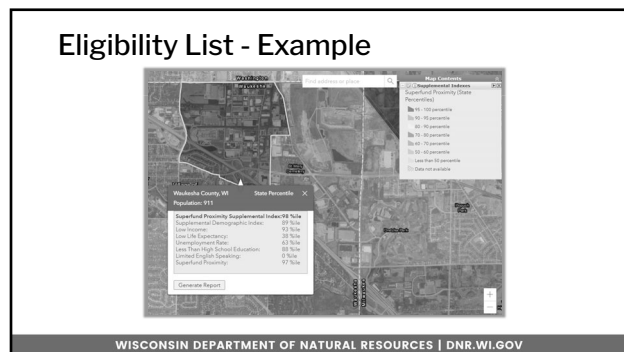
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Eligibility List

City, Village or Town	Type	Population	Area (square miles)	Area Considered Disadvantaged (square miles)	Percent of Area Considered Disadvantaged
Madison	Town	7,482	37.23	0.71	2%
Mequon	Town	1,212	33.28	14.74	44%
Milton	City	698	1.88	1.88	100%
Menasha	City	18,268	7.78	4.07	52%
Menomonie	Town	4,367	364.06	364.06	100%
Menomonee Falls	Village	38,527	33.30	1.14	3%
Menomonie	City	10,964	2.99	2.99	100%
Menomonie	Town	3,415	41.99	2.26	5%
Merrill	City	9,347	8.08	4.24	52%
Merrill	Town	2,981	53.24	1.92	4%
Meteor	Town	156	35.27	25.30	72%
Middle Inlet	Town	851	51.23	46.14	90%
Middleton	City	21,827	9.07	0.80	9%
Middleton	Town	6,792	14.76	0.19	1%
Millston	Town	188	72.45	0.09	0%
Milwaukee	City	577,222	96.81	83.57	86%
Minong	Village	548	1.54	1.54	100%
Minong	Town	984	70.87	69.50	98%
Monona	City	8,624	3.35	0.88	26%

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- ### Eligible Activities
1. Extreme heat mitigation
 2. Proactive maintenance
 3. Site preparation
 4. Tree planting and establishment
 5. Urban food forests
 6. Urban wood utilization
 7. Planning
 8. Training
 9. Education, Information, and Outreach
 10. Workforce development
- If work takes place in identified disadvantaged communities (DACs)
- Above, or if significant focus on DACs and community engagement
- Above, or if primary participants from DACs
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- ### Ineligible Activities
- Projects not related to urban forestry.
 - Projects not benefiting disadvantaged communities.
 - Construction projects.
 - Stump removal projects – stump removal is ineligible as a stand-alone project, however stump removal is eligible as a component of a tree planting or removal project.
 - Land or boundary surveys or title search.
 - Appraisals, sale or exchange of real property.
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Financials/Reporting

- Advance of no more than 50% of the grant may be requested upon awarding. Cost estimate & statement of need to support the request will be required.
- Within 30 days of receiving an advance, recipient shall provide the Department documentation showing full expenditure of the advance).
- Grantee may submit quarterly or annual reimbursement request, supported by financial documentation.
- Grant project report submitted biannually to the Department.

Timeline

- February 26, 2024 – Opening of IRA application period.
- June 3, 2024 – Grant application deadline.
- July 2024 – Applicants will be notified of funding status.
- August 2024 – Successful applicants will receive a grant agreement.
- September 3, 2024 – Grant award in effect for project period of three years.
- September 30, 2027 – IRA Urban Forestry Grant expiration date.
- December 30, 2027 – Deadline to submit final reimbursement request for IRA Urban Forestry grants.

Tips for Submitting a Better Project Proposal

- Plan ahead.
- Understand & describe the impacted population(s).
- Answer each question clearly.
- Seek input from others.
- Build community partnerships.
- Consider scalability.
- Resources/capacity for success.
- Contact your urban forestry coordinator.

Application evaluation

High ranking projects will:

- **Clearly describe the anticipated long-term benefits to the tree canopy and/or people within disadvantaged communities**
- **Establish or continue meaningful relationships with community partners**
- **Demonstrate the applicant's ability and capacity to accomplish project goals**

Project serves as a model for others to implement.

Application requirements

- Unique Entity ID (UEI) number through SAM.gov
- Complete application
- Authorizing resolution
- By-laws and articles of incorporation (501(c)(3) applicants only)
- Letter(s) of Collaboration (if applicable)

Webinars:

- DNR staff will host at least three webinars that outline the Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Act grant application process and allow time for questions and answers. See the webinar schedule below:
- **Register For Webinar 2 Thursday, March 14, 1 – 2:30 p.m.**
(https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_u8cpkufJSPSlaTl5hVR6Q#registration)
- Webinar 3-Save The Date **Wednesday, May 15, 10 – 11:30 a.m.**
- For more information, visit the [Wisconsin DNR Urban Forestry webpage](https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/urbanforests/iragrants)
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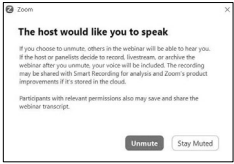
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When the webinar panelist/presenter says your name, the webinar host will ask you to unmute your microphone.

Phone controls for participants

- *6 - Toggle mute/unmute
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